

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-13. (Cancelled)

~~14~~. (Allowed, Currently Amended) A The method of claim 3,
inducing cellular extensions, which method comprises contacting nerve cells with a
human Neural Plakophilin Related Armadillo Protein (hNPRAP) in an amount
effective to cause cellular extensions, wherein the hNPRAP comprises an amino
acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:4 ~~wherein the cells are nerve cells.~~

~~215~~. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3 ~~14~~¹, wherein the cellular extensions terminate upon distantly located cells.

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